

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 DURBAN 00087 181104Z

43

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03

SS-20 USIA-15 AID-20 DRC-01 /153 W

----- 128677

R 180915Z MAR 74

FM AMCONSUL DURBAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1683

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L DURBAN 0087

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, SF

SUBJECT: MATANZIMA SEES FULLY INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI IN TWO
YEARS OR LESS

REF: DURBAN 0086

1. SUMMARY: CHIEF MINISTER OF TRANSKEI HOPES ACHIEVE FULL
INDEPENDENCE WITHIN TWO YEARS AND POSSIBLY SOONER. HAS
DROPPED PREVIOUS EXTENSIVE LAND CLAIMS WHICH FORMED BARRIER
TO FORWARD MOVEMENT AND NOW PREPARED MOVE TOWARD INDEPENDENCE
AT FULL SPEED. HOPES EVENTUALLY INSTITUTE NON-RACIAL
TRANSKEI WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL RACES WILL BE WELCOME. END SUMMARY.

2. IN PRIVATE MEETING WITH CONGEN SHORTLY AFTER TABLING
"INDEPENDENCE RESOLUTION" IN TRANSKEI LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 DURBAN 00087 181104Z

MARCH 14 (REFTEL) CHIEF MINISTER KAISER MATANZIMA STATED

THAT DESPITE RESOLUTION'S REFERENCE TO INDEPENDENCE WITHIN "FIVE YEARS", INDEPENDENCE WOULD IN FACT COME WITHIN TWO YEARS AND POSSIBLY SOONER. AS SOON AS ASSEMBLY APPROVED RESOLUTION HE WOULD APPOINT 27 MEMBER CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE, WITH HIMSELF AS CHAIRMAN. "WITH HELP OF SAG EXPERTS" COMMITTEE WOULD PUSH FORWARD WITH ALL DUE SPEED TO DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND OTHER DETAILS OF TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE. IT WOULD REPORT BACK TO TRANSKEI ASSEMBLY BY NEXT YEAR'S SESSION (MARCH-MAY 1975) AND IF IT FINISHED ITS WORK SOON ENOUGH HE MIGHT CALL SPECIAL SESSION. FOLLOWING TRANSKEI ASSEMBLY APPROVAL, CONSTITUTION WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY SAG PARLIAMENT. FULL INDEPENDENCE FOR TRANSKEI WOULD FOLLOW SHORTLY THEREAFTER. (MATANZIMA MADE NO REFERENCE TO PRESS REPORTS OF POSSIBLE REFERENDUM PRECEDING INDEPENDENCE).

3. MATANZIMA EMPHASIZED THAT BEFORE INDEPENDENCE SAG MUST TRANSFER PORT ST. JOHNS AND OTHER LANDS RECENTLY PROPOSED BY BANTU AFFAIRS DEPT (DURBAN A-110 DEC. 18). HIS GOVT WOULD MAINTAIN ITS MUCH WIDER CLAIM TO LAND INCLUDED WITHIN TRANSKEI'S HISTORIC BOUNDARIES, HE SAID, ALTHOUGH SATISFACTION OF THESE CLAIMS WOULD NOT BE CONDITION OF INDEPENDENCE.

4. MATANZIMA FURTHER STATED THORNY QUESTION POSITION OF WHITES IN TRANSKEI WOULD BE "LEFT OPEN" FOR TIME BEING. AS HE TOLD ME FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM EYE-OPENING TRIP TO US IN 1972 (DURBAN A-1, JAN. 9, 1973) MATANZIMA REITERATED THAT MULTI-RACIAL POLICY BEST FOR TRANSKEI. HE WISHES WHITES REHAIN IN AN INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI AND WILL ASSURE THEM FULL PROPERTY AND CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS, INCLUDING RIGHT TO VOTE AND SIT IN PARLIAMENT. NEVERTHELESS, SINCE SUCH APPROACH IS CONTRARY TO SAG POLICY, HE WILL FUDGE ISSUE UNTIL HE HAS INDEPENDENCE AND CAN "DO AS I WISH". WHEN THAT TIME COMES, HE SAID, HE DETERMINED ABOLISH ALL FORMS OF SEGREGATION FROM WHICH ALL SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS SUFFERING SO DEEPLY TODAY. AS CONCOMITANT TO THIS NON-RACIAL APPROACH, HE SEES NO REASON WHY SAG SHOULD CONTINUE PURCHASE LAND FROM WHITES IN AREAS TO BE GIVEN TO TRANSKEI: "THIS IS A FOOLISH WASTE OF MONEY AND I WOULD PREFER SEE WHITES REMAIN IN TRANSKEI WHERE THEY NEEDED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT".
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 DURBAN 00087 181104Z

5. COMMENT: IT APPARENT MATANZIMA HAS CONTRACTED A BAD CASE OF "INDEPENDENCE FEVER" AND HAS DECIDED DRIVE FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE COME WHAT MAY. WHILE OBVIOUSLY NOT EMPHASIZING MATTER, HE HAS DROPPED HIS FORMER GRANDIOSE LAND CLAIMS FOR SMALL BITS OF TERRITORY WHICH IT NOW CLEAR HAVE BEEN PROMISED HIM BY SAG IN EXCHANGE FOR ACCEPTING INDEPENDENCE. ALTHOUGH FULL CLAIMS KEPT ALIVE (BARELY) IN HIS INDEPENDENCE

RESOLUTION, ALONG WITH POSSIBLE AMALGAMATION WITH CISKEI DESIRED BY MANY IN HIS PARTY, IT SEEMS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL EITHER WILL BE SATISFIED IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

AT ANNUAL CONGRESS RULING TRANSKEI NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY JUST PRIOR CONVENING LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (DURBAN 82) TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT AROSE RE INDEPENDENCE ISSUE. ONE FAVORED WAITING UNTIL ALL LAND CLAIMS WERE ACHIEVED BEFORE PLAYING TRUMP CARD OF ACCEPTING TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE SO AVIDLY DESIRED BY SAG. OTHER WISHED ACCEPT INEPENDENCE NOW IN

BELIEF SAG WOULD THEN BE FINANCIALLY FORTHCOMING IN ATTEMPT MAKE THIS IMPOVERISHED AND GROSSLY UNDEVELOPED AREA A SHOW PIECE FOR OTHER HOMELANDS AND WORLD AT LARGE. LATTER GROUP, BACKED BY MATANZIMA, APPEARS TO HAVE WON. WITH VIRTUAL COLLAPSE OF PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION TO HIM, MATANZIMA NOW SET TO MOVE IN ACCORD CLEAR SAG DESIRE HAVE AT LEAST ONE HOMELAND REACH "INDEPENDENCE" SOON AS VINDICATION ITS SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT POLICY. WITH SAG ALREADY PROVIDING SOME 85 PER CENT OF TRANSKEI'S 1974-75 BUDGET OF R68 MILLION, THIS POLICY WILL OBVIOUSLY COST SAG CONSIDERABLE EXTRA FUNDS. HOLMES

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INDEPENDENCE, AGREEMENT DRAFT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LAND BOUNDARIES, DESEGREGATION, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 MAR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974DURBAN00087
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: DURBAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740336/aaaabhph.tel
Line Count: 137
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: DURBAN 0086
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 JUN 2002 by rowelle0>; APPROVED <31 JAN 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MATANZIMA SEES FULLY INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI IN TWO YEARS OR LESS
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, SF
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005